

qrulepubliccomments

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To whom it may concern:

I read most of the CDC proposal, and it seems to me like the intent is basically reasonable. I worry, however, about how it will come down to actual implementation. Will someone be responsible for bringing appropriate instructions to each person up and down the chain of command, or will they just be given the whole 57 pages to read when and if they have time.

One specific part has me concerned. On page 14, top of the 3rd column, it talks about possible quarantine without medical care. In the 4 days it would take for a flu virus to clear, a person could die of dehydration if kept without medical care. I think some minimal amount of care should be guaranteed to a person who is quarantined. Otherwise it might be the same as burying them alive..no hope of survival. People would refuse to cooperate if this is what they can expect.

Under paragraph (d), the Director may also order quarantine where examination, medical treatment, prophylaxis, or vaccination is medically contra-indicated or not reasonably available.

Under paragraph (e), the length of quarantine shall not exceed the period....

I hope someone will take a closer look at this part, and others that may lead to disaster.

with prayers for successful policies,

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